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Ex-Assassin Of Reds Heard Secretly Here

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Nikolai E. Khokhlov, a paid assassin for Russia's dread secret police, gave Senate investigators a first-hand account of his cloak-and-dagger operations yesterday at a super-secret meeting behind locked doors.

Members of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee flatly refused to discuss any aspect of the 32-year-old former MVD agent's report. Even the place of the three-hour meeting place was "blacked out" to protect Khokhlov from possible Communist reprisals.

Khokhlov arrived here from Britain in protective custody within the past few days. He already had been questioned at length by British and United States intelligence officers in London.

Leaving his wife in Russia, Khokhlov sought political asylum in the West by surrendering to allied authorities in West Germany last February.

He said he had been instructed by Alexander Pan'yushkin, former Soviet Ambassador to this country and now a top MVD official, to assassinate Georgi S. Okolovich, a leading anti-Communist refugee in Frankfurt, Germany.

Khokhlov said his wife agreed he should turn himself over to Western authorities and carry out the